

Claims:

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Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) An electric shaver system comprising:
a dry shaving apparatus including a shaving head; and
a cleaning and charging station defining a receiving arrangement for receiving the dry
shaving apparatus;
wherein the dry shaving apparatus includes a first connector configured to couple with an
associated connector of the cleaning and charging station to transmit charging energy and control
signals between the apparatus and station while the apparatus is received in the station; and
wherein the dry shaving apparatus includes an additional connector, spaced from the first
connector and configured to couple the dry shaving apparatus for receiving charging energy with
the dry shaving apparatus removed from the cleaning and charging station.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Withdrawn; Previously Presented) The system according to claim 1, wherein
coupling of the first and associated connectors takes place automatically while positioning the
dry shaving apparatus in the receiving arrangement of the auxiliary electrical device.
4. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 1, wherein the additional
connector is an electrical plug-type connection.

5. (Withdrawn) The system according to claim 1, wherein the first and associated connectors are corresponding electrical contact elements.

6. (Withdrawn) The system according to claim 5, wherein at least one of the electrical contact elements is resiliently constructed.

7. (Withdrawn) The system according to claim 1, wherein the first and associated connectors are corresponding inductive energy elements.

8. (Canceled).

9. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 1, wherein the first connector is arranged in close proximity to the shaving head and the additional connector is arranged on an end of the dry shaving apparatus at a remote distance from the shaving head.

10. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 4, wherein the plug-type connection comprises an appliance socket.

11. (Canceled).

12. (Previously Presented) In combination, a handheld personal care appliance and an associated auxiliary device; wherein

the personal care appliance comprises:

- a housing;
- an electrical motor contained within the housing; and
- a battery electrically connected to the motor;

the auxiliary device defining a receptacle configured to receive the personal care appliance therein;

wherein the housing of the personal care appliance includes a first connector that couples with an associated connector of the auxiliary device to transmit electrical or electromagnetic energy between the auxiliary device and the personal care appliance; and

wherein the personal care appliance includes an additional connector, spaced apart from the first connector, and configured to connect the battery to an auxiliary power source.

13. (Withdrawn) The combination according to claim 12, wherein the auxiliary device is a personal care appliance cleaner.

14. (Withdrawn) The combination according to claim 12, wherein coupling of the first and associated connectors takes place automatically while positioning the personal care appliance in the receptacle of the auxiliary device.

15. (Previously Presented) The combination according to claim 12, wherein the additional connector is an electrical plug-type connection.

16. (Withdrawn) The combination according to claim 12, wherein the first and associated connectors include corresponding electrical contact elements.

17. (Withdrawn) The combination according to claim 12, wherein, the first and associated connectors include corresponding inductive energy elements.

18. (Previously Presented) The combination according to claim 12, wherein the personal care appliance comprises a dry-shaving apparatus including a shaving head and the auxiliary device is a cleaning and charging station.

19. (Previously Presented) The combination according to claim 18, wherein the first connector is arranged in close proximity to the shaving head and the additional connector is arranged on an end of the dry shaving apparatus at a remote distance from the shaving head.

20. (Withdrawn) The combination according to claim 12, wherein the energy transmits information.

21. (Withdrawn) The combination according to claim 20, wherein the information comprises a device type, a degree of soiling, or a frequency and duration of use.

22. (Withdrawn) The combination according to claim 12, wherein the energy comprises an electrical signal that controls a cleaning process.

23. (Previously Presented) An electric shaver system comprising:
a shaver having:

a shaving head;

an electrical motor mechanically connected to the shaving head; and

a battery electrically connected to the motor; and

a shaver cleaner configured to hold a quantity of cleaning fluid and defining a trough-shaped receptacle configured to receive the shaving head of the shaver therein;

wherein the shaver includes a first connector that couples with an associated connector of the shaver cleaner to transmit electrical or electromagnetic energy between the shaver cleaner and the shaver; and

wherein the shaver includes an additional connector, spaced apart from the first connector, and configured to connect the battery to an auxiliary power source.

24. (Previously Presented) The electric shaver system according to claim 23, wherein the additional connector is an electrical plug-type connection.

25. (Withdrawn) The electric shaver system according to claim 23, wherein the first and associated connectors are corresponding electrical contact elements.

26. (Withdrawn) The electric shaver system according to claim 23, wherein the first and associated connectors are corresponding inductive energy elements.

27. (Withdrawn) The electric shaver system according to claim 23, wherein the energy comprises an electrical signal that controls a cleaning process.

28. (Withdrawn) The electric shaver system according to claim 23, wherein the energy transmits information.

29. (Withdrawn) The electric shaver system according to claim 28, wherein the information comprises: a device type, a degree of soiling, or a frequency and duration of use.

30. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 1, wherein the first connector is configured to transmit charging energy, control signals and information between the dry shaving apparatus and the cleaning and charging station while the dry shaving apparatus is received in the cleaning and charging station.

31. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 1, wherein the cleaning and charging station has a socket for receiving a power cable to supply power to the cleaning and charging station, and wherein the additional connector of the dry shaving apparatus is configured to receive the power cable, such that the power cable can be selectively used for powering the cleaning and charging station and for powering the dry shaving apparatus separate from the cleaning and charging station.

32. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 1, wherein the cleaning and charging station is configured to vertically receive the shaving head of the dry shaving apparatus in an open trough void of obstructions, the trough defined in part by a rear wall arranged to support the dry shaving apparatus in a leaning position, such that coupling of the first connector of the dry shaving apparatus with the associated connector of the cleaning and charging station is maintained by weight of the dry shaving apparatus leaning against the rear wall.